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THE NEW REGISTRATION LAW

An examination of the registration law that was passed at the last session of the legislature leads one to suspect that the savings of certain crises in regard to it are due either to ignorance or to a deliberate effort to deceive the voters. Inasmuch as the language of the act is reasonably clear, rendering it easily understood by any person of ordinary intelligence, the assumption must be that the future which the Republicans and Democrats are raising over this law originates in the desire of the politicians to play the game in their usual way by opposing anything and everything that the Democratic party does.

In his address before the Democratic state convention, Gov. Williams discussed the new law as follows:

"Now let us see what states have a registration law similar to ours. Start out on the border—New Mexico, Nevada, Oregon, North and South Dakota and Idaho. All of these states have registration laws throughout the state and in every precinct. If we had referred to the old eastern states they would say you have your big cities there. There is New Mexico with her prairies and cattle interests and her mines and her agricultural interests; Nevada, with her mining interests; Oregon, with her timber interests and her agricultural interests; Washington, with her shipping interests, her agricultural and timber resources; and there is North Dakota, exclusively an agricultural state; South Dakota, largely an agricultural state, with very little mining interests. There is the great state of Indiana, in the middle west, that is an oil and mining

state to a limited extent and an agricultural state, too. Now all of those states have registration, even in every country precinct. Oklahoma is an oil state, a mining state and an agricultural state. Nearly all of those states that I mentioned to you as a rule are Republican states with few exceptions, and nearly all of those states with the exception of one or two have the initiative and referendum. So now you see, we are on a parallel with what the Republicans have done in such states as that and they ought to be in harmony with the states mentioned and be in favor of a registration law in Oklahoma.

"All you have got to do is to get the record of other states, and when they say it is not right to have registration in the country precincts, then ask them the question, why is it that the people of those sovereign states think it is best to have registration even in the country precincts? There are various reasons for registration in every precinct. If you are to have the initiative and referendum as a success, we ought to know every legal voter in the state registered, and you ought to be able to get the information to him about every law that is submitted by the initiative and referendum.

"This registration law fixes that members of other parties can't come in a democratic primary, but must stay with their own party, and you need not be afraid if you go out and fight for the right for your party, that they can come in and stab you in the back and defeat you in the primary and then go out and vote their ticket in the general election. We have stopped that, and we have stopped those Republicans from coming in and

seeking to nominate the weakest candidate in the Democratic primary and then go out and try to stab him to death in the general election.

"That is what this election law means and what you want to do is to get posted on it so as to defend it. This election law means that we will have purity of the ballot, the rule of the intelligent and honest in this state. That is what it means and don't let any weak-kneed Democrat get an idea that it is going to be good for any Democrat or Democratic party to be against it, because I will tell you that the fate and the destiny of the Democratic party is nailed to these election laws, for they are fair and right. I would be in favor of it if it was not for any other reason on account of these black counties—the black belt; I would be in favor of it for that reason, but I take higher ground, and I say it is right for the white counties and every precinct."

EXPRESS PACKETTES.

Convention Oratory.
Oh, yes, they made the "welkin ring." Some speeches did the big boys spring. And then arose our brave Tom Wade To put the whole bunch in the shade.

Every fellow who prides himself on being a fan already has the pennant winners picked.

Now who says the Democratic state convention was not a perfectly lady-like affair?

Good afternoon, Barefoot Boy, "blessings on those little man," have you stamped your toe yet?

Bl Simpson says he notices that a baby always looks like the one of its parents whom it resembles.

Fondly do we hope and fervently do we pray that there may be a resurrection day for some of those blighted buds.

Billy Cloud has been accused in the garden theft case. We don't believe it. No onions for Billy and "there is a reason."

Col. Wyatt, the fat reporter, etc., fancies that he would have cut a wide swath at the state Democratic convention if the darn editor hadn't been so slow about getting his new spring suit ready for him.

Just think of it—Nimrod has jumped into the game and gone ahead of Chickasha. Our correspondent reports that G. Windle dumped his Palm Beach suit down there the other day.

The experts who are figuring on the conditions in world trade after the war can be sure of one thing: the market for European railroads will be glutted. Cathedrals can probably be picked up at bargain.

As a rule we are farmers the "old-you-so-kind," but we take pleasure of violating our rule when a man comes back, like Z. L. McFarland, after wandering long in foreign lands. It's foolish to leave Chickasha.

J. D. Carmichael authorizes the announcement that it is not safe to believe anything Judge Bailey, Judge Holding or M. F. Courtney reports concerning anything that happened in the Grady county caucus at the Democratic convention.

A STOLEN SMILE 'ER TWO.

Sporting Chance.
An aviator descended in a field and said to a rather well-dressed individual: "Here, mind my machine a minute, will you?"

"What?" the well-dressed individual snarled. "Me mind your machine? Why, I'm a United States senator!" "Well, what of it?" said the aviator. "I'll trust you."—Chicago News.

His Mistake.

An old gentleman of 84 having taken to the altar a young damsel of about 15, the clergyman said to him: "The font is at the other end of the church."

"What do I want with the font?" said the old gentleman.
"Oh, I beg your pardon," said the cleric. "I thought you had brought this child to be christened."—Tit-Bits.

"OVERTIME"

(By Trainmen's Committee.)
A statement has been frequently made by the railroads that the present demands of the railway train service employees are not really for an eight-hour day, but are intended to secure increased wages.

This is not true, as the employees composing the four brotherhoods want shorter hours. They want their working day to be as near eight hours as it can be made.

To any reasonable person it will be apparent that it will be useless to secure an eight-hour day unless there is some penalty attached for overtime. In all the trades where the eight-hour day obtains, there is an extra charge for overtime; otherwise there would be no eight-hour day, the work would go on at the same rate per hour just as long as the employer cared to work the men.

It has been amply demonstrated that eight hours' hard work is enough for any man and any hours he works more than eight, simply draw on his reserve energy and vitality, shortening his life and his available working years. It has also been proved that a man working eight hours is more efficient, does better work, and is in every way a better citizen than a man working longer hours.

The railroad train service employees, in asking the railroad companies for an eight-hour day, also ask for time-and-one-half for overtime, but this extra rate is merely a "penalty" upon the railroads and is considered an effective method for preventing overtime. "Overtime" is commonly called "blood money," and says the very life-out of the employees. We trust that the public will consider the fact that it is the "overtime" and exposure that is "wearing out" the employees and prompts many employers to set their employees' age limit at 21 to 24. In other vocations a man can work at least 20 years—note the difference in railway work. Considered in this way the railway employees could, in exact justice, ask for twice their present rate of pay, but the employees are not seeking the "enormous increase," but desire better living conditions.

The physical and mental strain on train service employees, compelled to work long hours, is beyond comprehension by the average mind. Virtually all the accident and old-line insurance companies classify railroading an extra hazardous, many of them refusing to insure railway employees on account of the great risk of loss, and where these employees are injured, there is a definite limit set on the amount of the risk, and an extra charge is made to the insured.

In reality, the railway employees receive a less hourly rate of compensation than almost any other trade. A hod-carrier receives \$4.50 for eight hours—or about 56 cents an hour. The highest paid train conductor receives 55 cents an hour. If the hod-carrier worked as many hours as the

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